

COMMUNITY NEWS

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\$45,000 to try and acquire the Armory. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the council. Council members also voted unanimously to approve the low bidder for the demolition grant. Cole said the low bidder was Danny's Dozer and Excavator Service of Elba at \$19,500 for the 10 houses in Phase I of the project.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Dale Grimes, council members voted to accept the resignation of officer Jonathon Morgan. Grimes said the officer resigned citing personal reasons.

Council member Richard Driskell reported to council

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the architect to prepare a projected budget for the project. Her recommendation was unanimously approved by board members.

Carpet bids were opened during the day Thursday, Aug. 3, and Dr. Ingram told board members the low bid came from Dawkins Carpet and Floorcovering at \$13.58 per square yard. She said the bid was for a commercial grade indoor/outdoor carpet.

Ingram said the main areas in need of carpet replacement at the schools include the Kinston library, New Brockton band room, Zion Chapel High School library, hallway at Zion Chapel and home economics department at Kinston. She also said

other rooms in need of carpet may be added to the project. Board members approved the low bid for the carpet.

Personnel changes recommended by the superintendent and approved by board members during the meeting included:

- Employ Jackie Sanders as a kindergarten teacher at Zion Chapel School.
- Employ Janet Hendricks as a part-time CNP coordinator.
- Approve catastrophic leave for Shasta Arnett.

Accept the voluntary resignation of Jennifer Piland as CNP coordinator and reassign her duties in the central office.

Coffee County woman indicted on welfare fraud charges

Attorney General Troy King Tuesday, Aug. 8, announced developments in several welfare fraud prosecutions ongoing in the Wiregrass area, and promised that his Family Protection Unit will continue to fight such crimes that exploit public funds that should be reserved for the poor and vulnerable citizens of Alabama.

Among these cases is a 25-count indictment of a Coffee County woman on charges of stealing \$11,611 in welfare benefits and possession of a document with a forgery of the probate judge's signature.

"Accountability in state government begins with being a good steward of taxpayers' funds," Attorney General King said. "When people lie to receive welfare benefits to which they are not entitled, they are committing a crime against the State, the taxpaying public, and those who are truly deserving of welfare benefits. I take seriously my responsibility as Attorney General to protect public funds on behalf of the people of Alabama and pledge to prosecute those who break the law by abusing the welfare system."

Judy Calhoun Thomas, also known as Judie A. Thomas, 55, of Elba, was arrested on June 30 and served with a 25-count indictment that included a charge that she had illegal pos-

session of a document with a forgery of the signature of Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill. The Attorney General's Office presented evidence to a Coffee County grand jury, resulting in an indictment returned against Thomas on May 24. She is charged with one count of first-degree theft of EBT or food stamp benefits from April 2000 through September 2005 in the amount of \$11,611 by misrepresenting her household income and/or composition and/or rental payments. This is a class B felony, punishable by two to 20 years and up to \$10,000 fine.

Additionally, she is charged with 23 counts of second-degree possession of a forged instrument. The indictment charges that she filed documents with DHR, with the knowledge that these documents contained forged signatures of various individuals including a forged document purported to have been signed by Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill. The second-degree forgery charges are class C felonies, each count punishable by one to 10 years and fine up to \$5,000.

The indictment also includes a 25th count that charges Thomas with first-degree identity theft by using identifying information without the victim's authorization to obtain goods or services greater than \$500. This is a class C felony punishable by one to 10 years and up to a \$5,000 fine.

Additional scenes from Zion Chapel's Academic Pep Rally

LEADING THE STUDENTS...The Varsity Cheerleaders had several chores during the Academic Pep Rally. Above, they are shown leading the high school students in singing the school's Alma Mater.

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Graduates, other students who attended the school and friends of Warren Smith School in New Brockton collected recently for a hearty meal and reunion with friends. The event was held at the New Brockton Senior Center. The event is held every other year. The school only graduated students during the years of 1957 to 1969. Prior to that time they transferred to other schools, including Elba's Mulberry School, for their high school classes. After 1969 Warren Smith school was closed and the students began attending New Brockton schools. The former classmates were welcomed by New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole, who attended the school but was a graduate of the Mulberry school in Elba (where he excelled on the basketball court) before going on to graduate from college and become a highly successful basketball coach. A presentation is made at each reunion to a former student who has excelled in his or her profession. This year the award was presented to the artist Chester Higgins, Jr. Mr. Higgins, a widely published photographer, is the author of several photo collections, including one that is in depth look at African Diaspora, published in 1994. His work has appeared in *Look, Life, Newsweek, Fortune, Ebony, Essence, Black Enterprise, GEO, and Archaeology*.



ZADIE BOUYER CELEBRATES HER 102 BIRTHDAY...Mrs. Zadie Bouyer celebrated her 102nd birthday July 27, 2006 at the home of her daughter, Chris Jacobs, with a cook-out. Many family members and friends were there to help her celebrate her special day. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch including birthday cake and homemade ice cream.



FIRST 12 DAYS OF SCHOOL...Several teachers served as entertainers during Academic Pep Rally as they presented a musical skit. The 12 teachers took a familiar Christmas song and changed it to fit the school theme. Instead of the "12 Days of Christmas," the teachers sang their version of "The First 12 Days of School." The students seemed to find it quite comical as the teachers offered a variety of school excuses as lyrics for their tune.



STUDENTS CHANT "I WANT CANDY" as the Varsity Cheerleaders throw the sweet treats into the stands during the Academic Pep Rally.

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Teamwork leads to capture and arrest of two suspects by Elba police officers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The community and police working together proved effective last week when two Elba men were arrested for breaking and entering of a motor vehicle.

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said a concerned and observant citizen called the Elba Police Department shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, to report suspicious activity involving two individuals

sneaking around vehicles. He said Officer Tim Jeter quickly responded to the scene and his diligence along with good information provided by the concerned citizen led to Jeter locating and capturing one of the two suspects.

Arrested by Officer Jeter at the scene was Cary Anthony Williams, age 38, of Elba. He was charged with "unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, possession of a

controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia." Hanchey said information from the concerned citizen also helped officers realize the second suspect had managed to flee the scene before they could locate him. However, he said this follow-up investigation by Investigator Tony Harrison and other third shift personnel led to the arrest of the second suspect the following day.

On Wednesday, Aug. 9, Hanchey said Justin Dorsett Knight, age 18, of Elba was arrested and charged with unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle.

Chief Hanchey credits good teamwork in the capture of these two suspects, and he said this is a good example of the community and police working together to keep Elba safe and prevent criminals from being successful in their attempt to break the law.

Hanchey said he encouraged all citizens to watch for suspicious activity and/or persons and to not hesitate reporting such activity. He said this is proof that community involvement does work.

To report a crime or suspicious activity, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

Elba Police Department planning Women's Safety Course for October

Community involvement continues to be a priority for the Elba Police Department, and members of the department are working to finalize plans to sponsor a Women's Safety Course.

Chief Freddy Hanchey said the course most likely will be conducted in mid-October; however, he needs those interested in participating to sign up now.

Women interested in participating should call Chief Hanchey at the Elba Police Department (897-2555) before Saturday, Sept. 30. The course will include

instruction on firearm safety and personal safety with both classroom and hands-on training.

"We've had several people mention the possibility of interest in this, and we feel like it will be a good program," Hanchey said.

The class size will be limited to 20-24 people, therefore, those interested need to contact Chief Hanchey as soon as possible. If enough interest is generated, more than one course session may be conducted.

Again, the deadline to sign up for this course is Saturday, Sept. 30th.

Elba City Council passes resolutions and receives update regarding Elba Community Playground project

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening and in fairly rapid succession approved several resolutions dealing with the proposed playground park and one adopting the state approved cost of living adjustments (COLA) for retired city employees.

Mayor James Grimes reviewed the monthly financial statement and presented the bills for payment. Grimes also reported the latest decision on recommended repair work on the Caroline Street bridge.

Laurie Chapman, representing the playground park committee, updated council members on the status of the new park to be constructed on the site of the old high school. She reviewed the financial status of the project, confirmed pledges and those commercial firm pledges which are still pending approval from home offices.

The park will be constructed of plastic, rather than wood as first proposed. The additional cost will be \$50,000 but Chapman noted the durability of the plastic, no need for annual staining and repairs, etc., will make the additional investment a long range savings. The total estimated cost of the facility is now at \$186,000.

The City of Elba approved a resolution to apply for a \$100,000 line of credit at a local

bank on behalf of the local chapter of Kiwanis to complete the playground park. Kiwanis is the sponsoring agency for the new park. The resolution reads that the local chapter of Kiwanis will reimburse the City from money that will be raised from grants, donations and other fund raising efforts.

The City of Elba is applying for an ADECA matching grant to fund portions of the new park. This will include shoring up the facade (old high school front entrance), construction of bathrooms and the proposed amphitheater. City officials have a meeting scheduled in Montgomery later this month to follow up on the grant application.

Another resolution approved by the city keeps Elba under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 510 of the 2006 session of the Alabama legislature. This deals with a cost of living increase for retired employees covered under the Alabama Retirement System. The raises are effective on October 1, 2006.

Grimes presented the city's budget figures through June. He noted that as predicted at the last meeting, income is down \$300,000 below first of the year projections. The drop is reflected in lower sales tax, gas district transfers, an adjustment (to correct past mistakes) in telephone franchise funds, and a \$45,000 reduction in transfers from the Water and Electric Board.

The mayor noted that expens-

es have been kept in better balance than in previous years, but at being only \$1,000 over budget at this time. This is in spite of the record increase cost of vehi-

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by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Aug. 14, during the regular bimonthly meeting to approve a new architect for the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center building project.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said two proposals were received from architects for the project, and she recommended using Joey Bradley for the project. Commissioner J.L. Weeks said he would like to extend that to also use Bradley for the NRCS office expansion project.

Making a motion and second to that effect, the matter was open for discussion, and Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said Joey Bradley was the architect used for the Mount Pleasant Senior Center project and there still remains problems at that facility. Westbrook said the county already is under an extension of October to get this project going, therefore, she said she felt they needed to move on it.

She said the project began with another architect that was



SEVERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS GATHERED Thursday morning, Aug. 10, to get a first-hand look at the progress being made Lower Curtis Road in Elba and Coffee County Road 404 in Coffee County. This project includes the construction of turn lanes, an access road to the Elba Industrial Park and resurfacing. Those in attendance last Thursday morning expressed excitement to see this project moving and said this should go a long way in making the road safer for motorists. Officials shown at the job site include (from left) Senator Jimmy Holley, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook and Representative Terry Spicer.

Caution urged on Lower Curtis Road/County Road 404 \$1.6 million road project under construction

Work began recently on Lower Curtis Road in Elba/County Road 404 in Coffee County thus leading officials to urge motorists to use caution when traveling in this area.

The project includes the construction of turn lanes on Lower Curtis Road (packing house road) and the construction of Kelley Way, an access road to the Elba Industrial Park. As for the County Road 404 portion, the project will allow for resurfacing of the roadway.

Coffee County engineer Randy Tindell said drivers

should use extreme caution when traveling through this work zone if possible, he said drivers should avoid traveling this road while construction is underway.

Funding for the project was made available through the efforts of Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer from the Alabama Industrial Access Bonding Authority with Coffee County being awarded \$1.6 million for the project.

The project includes 4.4 miles of roadway, and Tindell said it is a big safety addition. A high percentage of the vehicles using the

road are 18-wheelers, and the additional turn lane will give these trucks an extra lane to maneuver.

Lower Curtis Road/County Road 404 serves as a connector route from Alabama Highway 189 south of Elba to Alabama Highway 141 at Curtis. The route serves a portion of the Elba Industrial Park and is the primary access to three area industries - Alabama River Woodlands Chip Mill, Kelley Foods of Alabama and Pope Brothers Truss Company.

The project is scheduled to be complete in February 2007.

Coffee County Commission approves new architect for ZC Senior Center project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Unable to get bids for the project, upon requesting proposals for a new architect, she said the county received two proposals, and Joey Bradley was the best of the two.

Westbrook said he also was the architect on the Pine Level and Damascus Senior Centers and to her knowledge there was no problem at those facilities. However, she did acknowledge the problems at Mount Pleasant.

Commissioners voted in favor of hiring Joey Bradley as the architect for the projects. Commissioner Dalrymple cast the lone opposing vote.

Laurie Chapman, general coordinator of the Elba Community Playground project, publicly thanked them for the help

the county provided in getting the site ready for the playground to be built in September. She said there is still much work to be done to get ready for the build week, but on Monday, she was at the meeting only to thank the county.

County resident Sherry Perdue briefly addressed commissioners. Before, Perdue spoke, Commissioner Westbrook said she had agreed to meet with commissioners at the next working group session regarding abandoned and abused animals within the county.

"I'm here again about the abandoned and abused animals in the county," Perdue said. "We still need help."

Perdue said she knows some

people in the county do not want to lock up or cage their animals, and that is their choice. She said her main concern is the abandoned and abused animals, and she is asking the county for help in controlling this.

In other business, Commissioners voted to adopt the statewide mutual aid agreement and voted to adopt an agreement with the local volunteer firefighters association in regards to mutual aid.

Commissioners voted to give county engineer Randy Tindell permission to send out bids for annual bids, and voted to give Tindell permission to purchase a pickup truck off the

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Area Happenings

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold Open House Monday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. for all parents to come and attend to meet the teachers.

THE 100 ANNUAL "JACK DAY FESTIVAL" will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at Green Memorial Stadium on the campus of Zion Chapel High School from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

FANS OF THE ELBA MARCHING TIGER BAND can support the Elba band program by becoming a member of the "Marching Tiger Black & Gold Club." With a club membership, the supporter will be given a membership card entitling him/her to "free meal deal" at every regular season home game. In addition, the supporter's name will be listed in the football program as a "Marching Tiger Black & Gold Club" member. To join, see Pam Baker at Elba High School, or contact Vickie Bailey at 897-3320.

Laurie Chapman addresses Elba City Council members regarding the playground project.



Officer Brian Lusher

Lusher enjoys fishing, and Debra Samuel and has two brothers, Jason and Alan. He is the son of Glenn Samuel.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Fern Cox

Obviously Coffee County is getting a bit more rain that it did during the first part of the summer. Our rain gauge is the grass growing in the front yard. There have been times this summer when we went weeks and weeks without needing to cut the grass. Now it has been less than a week since the grass in the front yard was mowed and already the *#@# Bahia seed heads are popping up again all along the highway. It is a fact of life that homeowners look at this headache producer differently than does the cattle farmer needing faster growing hay crops to feed a hungry herd of livestock.

Hopefully the fighting between Israel and the militant group Hezbollah in Lebanon has stopped... if not forever, at least for a while. The destruction in Lebanon is heartbreaking, not to mention the deaths (on both sides) associated with the fighting. Lebanon was once considered a peaceful and beautiful place, a mecca for international business, etc. That changed, starting in 1958, when American troops went in for a few months in an effort to restore order to the country. We were in a cargo helicopter unit headed to that area for support of the U.S. Marines when the "powers that be" kept our equipment going in that direction but sent in an airborne unit that was already close to the area to use it. Gosh did that cutting sand raise havoc with trucks and helicopters in just a few short weeks! Lebanon did stabilize for a while, but it didn't last. Now the whole area is considered a perpetual war zone. One has to wonder if those who are always stirring up these continuing wars ever step back and look at what their dumb actions are doing to the lifestyles of the people in the countries involved? Do they understand that there are many, many people living there who just want to live a peaceful life and enjoy their individual families? We think not... if they had sense enough to understand the above, then there wouldn't be bombings of buildings and these killings of neighbors, just for the sake of destruction and killing.

An automobile wreck near Andalusia claimed the life of 21-year-old Michael Brandon Fowler early Saturday morning when the 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse he was driving left the road and struck a tree. Fowler worked the second shift at Toledo Molding in Elba and had gotten off work at eleven Friday night, just a couple of hours before the wreck. State troopers suspect his car hit a dog on the rural road, causing it to leave the road and hit a tree. Fowler was alone at the time of the wreck. Coworkers commented Monday that this was just too nice a guy to be killed at such a young age. Of course, he is not the first "good person" to die in a wreck, but that does not make the next one any easier to accept.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, investigated the following incidents: two for burglary, two for criminal mischief, one for criminal trespassing, four for theft of property, two for breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, two for domestic violence, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, three for reckless endangerment, two for gas drive-off, two for violation of a protection order, one for harassment, one private property report, one unattended death, one domestic incident and one for child in need of supervision.

The following arrests were made: two for breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for violation of a protection order.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for not wearing a seat belt, one for a revoked driver's license, one for speeding and one for reckless endangerment.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, AUG. 7 - Burglary reported at 720 Dixon St. (8:06 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 139 Riverview (8:52 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUG. 8 - Possible burglary reported on Hickman Ave. (3:21 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Trailer Park (6:57 p.m.);

Coffee County EMS dispatched to 741 Smith Ave. (7:00 p.m.);

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4977 County Rd. 114 (3:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 342 (5:31 p.m.); Prowler reported at 429 Plant Ave. (9:12 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUG. 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 706 Putnam St. (9:45 a.m.); Subject with a gun reported at the intersection of Hickman Ave. and Jackson St. (10:14 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUG. 11 - Domestic disturbance reported on the courthouse square (11:31 a.m.); Disturbance (possibly domestic) reported at a business on Hickman Ave. (3:20 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Zion Chapel High School football field (5:26 p.m.); Theft reported at 822 Roosevelt Dr. (7:04 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUG. 12 - Minor wreck reported in the parking lot of Windham Lumber (7:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 414 Hickman Ave. (9:55 p.m.).

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cle fuel.
A proposed budget for the next fiscal year should be ready by the next council meeting, Grimes said.

Monthly bills totaling \$100,326.26 were approved for payment. This includes sales tax transfers to the Elba School System, \$14,000 gasoline purchase and a "paper transaction" payment of \$14,749.31 to the utility board.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham urged citizens to continue patience with the road disruption as the contractor is nearing completion of the sewer upgrade and streets can soon be restored to normal conditions.

Grimes reported that the county request for more than one bid on the Caroline Street bridge was not fruitful, as the other contractors asked to bid had declined to do so at this time.

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Commissioner Robert Stephens wanted to remind citizens of the reason county roads are not named after people. He said the county's policy due to E911 is that all roads are numbered and not named. He said this helps emergency personnel respond more efficiently to those in need.

Commissioners voted to approve a resolution setting a minimum cost figure for capitalizing fixed assets and a lower figure for capitalizing assets in proprietary funds. The effective date of this policy will be set by the auditors.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Aug. 24, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 414 Hickman Ave. (9:55 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUG. 13 - Domestic disturbance (in progress) reported at 1267 Reese Ave. (8:20 p.m.); Minor two-vehicle wreck reported at the BP station on Claxton Ave. (9:34 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at the Beaver Dam Trailer Park (5:33 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Union St. (8:24 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 617 Mullins Circle (11:03 p.m.).

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• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Courthouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m.-City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• CHIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. Supr. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5653

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po. Poles, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 PM, the PBO office at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House

ADEM program advances drinking water quality

A voluntary program administered by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management is helping surface water treatment plants perform at peak efficiency and exceed federal drinking water standards for health and safety.

ADEM's Area Wide Optimization Program is being used by municipal drinking water plants that obtain water from surface sources such as reservoirs or rivers.

Optimization helps systems maximize public health protection against a broad range of health risks from waterborne contaminants. The program also offers training that results in documented and measurable improvements in the technical and managerial skills of operators.

"Protective water quality methods and standards are important in producing the best quality drinking water for all Alabamians," said ADEM Director Trey Glenn. "This program is a proactive approach for drinking water systems to demonstrate they have gone the extra mile for their customers."

ADEM has developed criteria to prioritize drinking water systems based on the seriousness of potential health risks and to identify the most appropriate methods and technical assistance required to optimize water systems. Performance evaluations are made to determine if treatment plants can achieve optimized status.

An important component of AWOP is reduced turbidity, or the amount of minute solid particles in filtered water. Reducing turbidity decreases contaminants that may pose health concerns. Achieving measurable reductions in turbidity with minimal expense is possible because the program focuses on operational efficiency rather than capital improvements.

Progressive, performance-based operator training helps sustain improvements in plant operation and prolongs the useful life of infrastructure reducing the need to invest financial resources in new facilities to achieve compliance.

FAX SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE ELBA CLIPPER

The Enterprise-Ozark Community College Foundation recently conferred the status of emeritus to two of its directors. Pictured, from left to right, are retired educator and former probate judge Marion B. Brinson who was elected to the board in 1994, EOCC president Dr. Stafford L. Thompson, Colonel (Ret.) E. Ray Fitzgerald who was elected to the board in 1988, and EOCC Director of Institutional Advancement Ms. Susan Steck.

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Obituaries

BETTY SUE SASSER

Mrs. Betty Sue Sasser, age 70, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006 at Elba General Hospital in Elba.

Funeral services were held Aug. 13, 2006 at the Friendship Baptist Church in Bullock with Rev. Randall Pearson and Rev. Harold Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Bullock Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her husband: Randal Marion Sasser, Elba; her daughter: Judy E. (husband Larry) Powell, Roon, Ala.; three sons: Roney, Earl (wife Edith) Sasser, Steve (wife Ronda) Sasser, Jody Lee (wife Tangle) Sasser, all of Elba; her sister: Jo A. Cantrell, Shreveport, La.; three brothers: Bennie Earl Coggage and Billy Coggage, both of Elba; Ricky Coggage, Daleville, Ala.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

ADALINE GODWIN

Mrs. Adaline Godwin, age 71, of Covington, Ga., died Friday, August 11, 2006, at Heartland Hospice in Conyers, Ga.

A native of Brantley, Ala., she was the daughter of the late Maurice and Evie Bryan Stricklin.

Funeral services were held August 13, 2006, at First Baptist Church, Covington, with Rev. Len Strozier and Rev. J. I. Wilson officiating. Burial was held Aug. 14, 2006 at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, Bullock Community of Crenshaw County, Ala. (between Brantley and Elba).

Survivors include her husband: James Taylor Godwin, two daughters: Robin G. (husband Mark) Chamberlain, Alpharetta, Ga.; Teri L. (husband Randy) Mobley, Covington; three grandchildren: Rancee Christine Knight, Bryan Taylor Chamberlain and Krista Michelle Mobley; three sisters: Marie Loper and Bryanell Brown, both of Millry, Ala.; Penny Driggers, Brantley; two brothers: Lynn Stricklin and Perry Stricklin, Elba.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his father, Steve Smith; and a brother, William Randolph Smith.

Survivors include his wife: Margie Silas Smith; two daughters: Donna Smith Messick and Connie Smith; his mother: Florene Smith; one brother: Hollis Smith; two sisters: Jeanette Graham and Patricia Moulton; one granddaughter: Shannon Lee Winters; one grandson: Justin Dewey Messick; and his great-grandson: Camdon Elias Winters, all of Elba.

CLABURN EVAN BRYAN

Mr. Claburn Evan Bryan, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Friday,

August 11, 2006, at his residence in the Bullock Community.

Funeral services were held Aug. 13, 2006 at the Friendship Baptist Church in Bullock with Rev. Randall Pearson and Rev. Harold Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Bullock Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Audie D. Bryan, Elba, two sons: Lanney (wife Elton) Bryan, Kenneth (wife Sybil) Bryan, both of Brantley, Ala.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

After teaching public school in Troy, Ala. and Miami, Fla., he was a graduate teaching fellow at the University of Alabama where he earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in secondary education and school administration. He was an assistant professor of education at Northwestern State University before joining the staff of South Alabama's College of Education in 1965. At South Alabama, he served as Professor of Education, chair, Department of Secondary Education, Director of Graduate Studies, Assistant to the President and Acting Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Morrow was the author of a number of articles in professional journals, a member of several professional and honorary societies, and a consultant for many Alabama school systems. In 2006 he was appointed Emeritus Professor of Education.

Funeral services were held at Radney Funeral Home in Mobile, Ala. with a graveside service and interment at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba.

Dr. Morrow was preceded in death by his parents, Levy P.

and Mary Moreman Morrow, and his brother, Col. Levy P. Morrow Jr.

Survivors include his wife: Sarah Stanley Morrow; two sons: Dr. John E. Morrow Jr. (wife Janice) and L. Stanley Morrow (wife Beth); three grandchildren: John William Morrow, Mary Catherine Morrow and Sarah Alexandra Morrow, all of Mobile; his brother: Joseph M. Morrow (wife Demetra), Knoxville, Tenn.; his sister: Sue Morrow Terrell, Jacksonville, Fla.; his deceased brother's wife: Doris T. Morrow, San Antonio, Texas; an aunt: Alma L. Morrow, Elba; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN, 38101.

FRANCES BRYAN
Frances Bryan age 62 of Brantley, Ala. passed away Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at her residence in the Pine Level Community. Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday,

August 17, 2006 beginning at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. directing. Visitation will be held at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday evening, August 16, 2006 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Mrs. Bryan was preceded in death by her parents Dewey and Martha Fowler along with a sister Carolyn Odum.

Survivors include her husband, Donnon B. Bryan of Brantley, Ala.; two sons, Tim Burns and Chris Bryan; daughter Carla Bryan, all of Elba.

The death notice of Odessa Daniels Robinson who died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006 was submitted with an incorrect address for Mrs. Robinson. She was a resident of Elba, Ala.

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Dr. John E. Morrow Sr., age 73, a native of Elba, Ala., and a resident of Mobile for 42 years, died Aug. 13, 2006 at home.

Dr. Morrow graduated from Elba High School and received

Editor,

I'm pleading to those in cyberspace, namely, "StickUp Bulb," "Killian Parent" and "lro Jacob" ... give my computer delete key a break. These are just a few of the names attached to subjects like "cokoc" and "lrelap."

I don't need any more drugs, especially the ones for men only, and my computer doesn't need a virus that may be hiding behind the unread messages.

The recent buildup of junk mail came after I inadvertently clicked on the website of a State Senator. Perhaps some of it is coming from Washington DC. What a shame.

It's hard scrolling through the maze trying not to trash some familiar name with a friendly message which sometimes gets in the junk mailbox. My computer mailboxes may overflow ... who knows what happens then.

In the meantime, please get another life "StickUp Bulb." Vera Maddox-Crozier Hoopeson, IL

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LIFESTYLES



L to R: Mrs. Jeanine Powell, mother of the future groom; Miss Elizabeth Strong, honoree; Mrs. Sara Strong, mother of the honoree; Mrs. Nadine Scarborough, hostess.

Miss Elizabeth Strong honored with miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday afternoon, August 13, in Elba

Many friends gathered at the lovely country home of Mrs. Nadine Scarborough for a miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Miss Elizabeth Strong, bride-elect of Mr. Taylor Powell, on Sunday afternoon, August 13, 2006. White tulle bows tied to fence posts lined the walkway leading to the front door where guests were greeted by Mrs. Scarborough and presented to Miss Elizabeth Strong, the honoree; Mrs. Jeanine Powell, mother of the future groom; and Miss Burgin Powell, sister of the future groom. Miss Anna Scarborough, friend of the honoree, attended the registry table, which was covered with a

beautiful hand crocheted doily. Guests were directed to the dining room where Ms. Emily Strong and Mrs. Elena Leonard, sisters of the future bride, presided over the silver punch service and served dainty party refreshments from a table covered with an elegant hand crocheted cloth. Accenting the table was a stately arrangement of wild hydrangeas and fern radiating from a tall crystal vase. After enjoying refreshments, the guests visited and viewed the wide assortment of gifts displayed throughout the lovely home. Assisting Mrs. Scarborough as hostesses were Ms. Janie Allen, Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Harriette Boyd,

Donna Davis of Elba and Michael Loupe of Ft. Pierce, FL, announce the engagement of their daughter Amanda Sueann Loupe to Roy Nathaniel Lee of Kingston (Ino Community), son of Lois and Earl Johnson of Kingston and the late Leonard Lee of Baker, FL. The bride-elect is the grand daughter of the late Gerald W. and Dorothy Weathering of Elba and Harold Loupe and the late Carrie Loupe of Ft. Pierce, FL. She is a graduate of Kingston High School and is employed in Opp.

Foley Reunion planned for Saturday, August 26 at Lucile Foley's farm.

The 3rd Annual "Jack Day Festival" will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2006, at Green Memorial Stadium, on the campus of Zion Chapel High School, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be events such as kid's activities, entertainment, a "Walk-A-Thon" and a pageant, just to name a few. Vendor booths will also be available. If interested in reserving a booth, contact Jennifer at 897-2287 or Donna at 897-2185, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The booths are \$25.00 in advance and \$35.00 the day of the event. "Jack Day" is sponsored by Altrusa Int'l., Inc. of Jacksonville, AL. All proceeds from "Jack Day" will benefit Zion Chapel Schools and the Jack Community.

Correction

The engagement announcement of Emily LeAnne Belcher and Adam Reeves Brooks, both of Troy, in the August 10th edition of The Elba Clipper included a spelling error on Mr. Brooks's grandparents. He is the grandson of Luverne Brooks and the late Ernie Brooks of Cottonwood, Alabama and William and Jean Scarborough of Elba, Alabama. The Elba Clipper staff regrets the error.

Nona Cooper to be honored with birthday reception

You are cordially invited to a reception honoring Mrs. Nona Cooper on the occasion of her 80th birthday, on Saturday, August 19, 2006 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Old South Inn located 717 West Davis Street, Elba, Alabama.

Your presence will be your gift.



Miss Loupe & Mr. Lee

Loupe-Lee wedding set for August 19

The bride-elect is the grand daughter of the late Gerald W. and Dorothy Weathering of Elba and Harold Loupe and the late Carrie Loupe of Ft. Pierce, FL. She is a graduate of Kingston High School and is employed in Opp.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Roy and Lorene Johnson of Baker, FL and the late Houston and Faye Lee of Baker, FL.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, August 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnny Henderson Family Park, Hwy. 167, Enterprise, AL. A reception will follow at the Catty Corner Restaurant on Hwy. 87 South, Elba, AL.

All family and friends are invited to attend.

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NEW ARRIVAL

BROOKS CARSON GRIESHOP

Montana Paige Jordan

Montana Paige Jordan celebrates 5th birthday

Montana Paige Jordan recently celebrated her 5th birthday party at the Elba Skating Rink. It was a special birthday because she invited new friends that she will be in kindergarten with. Also there to help her celebrate was her family and more friends.

Red Cross to hold Disaster Team meeting on August 22

The Coffee Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a Disaster Team meeting Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m. at the chapter office at the Enterprise Civic Center.

All disaster volunteers are invited to attend or those interested in becoming disaster volunteers. For more information contact Elaine Roberts at 347-2461/347-1426 or mhroberts@centurytel.net.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clinton Martin

Mr. Martin & Miss Calhoun were united in marriage on Saturday, April 15

Amanda Elizabeth Calhoun and Robert Clinton (Clint) Martin were united in marriage at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Westside Baptist Church in Elba. Reverend Stanley Carter officiated the ceremony with Reverend Bobby Holladay assisting.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Calhoun and Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, all of Elba.

The bride wore an ivory gown embroidered with Swarovski crystals and beads. Her matching veil was created by the groom's mother. She carried a bouquet of hydrangeas, roses and cymbidium orchids. The bride wore her mother's wedding pearls, a gift from her groom. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father and given away in marriage by her family.

The wedding music was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker of Elba, uncle and aunt of the groom; Miss Katie Taff of Phenix City, cousin of the groom; and Mr. Rex Oggs of Auburn, friend of the bride and groom.

Wedding guests entered the church through doors adorned with pictures of the bride and groom's parents on their wedding days. Guests were greeted by Miss Kendall Stinson and Miss Katelyn Calhoun of Elba, cousins of the bride.

In lieu of a traditional registry, guests signed a matted piece of the couple and provided personal messages of best wishes. Guests were then seated by special friends of both the bride and groom.

Candles marking the start of the ceremony were lit by Mr. Wesley Calhoun and Mr. Donnie Stinson Jr. of Elba, cousins of the bride.

Serving as ushers were Mac Gingles of Auburn, Brad Burnett of Auburn, Charlie Driggers of Auburn, Ruffin Duncan of Natusula, Matt Harrison of Auburn, Lance Raughton of Dadeville, and Charles Bozeman of Birmingham, cousin of the bride.

The church sanctuary was decorated with a beautiful floral centerpiece of Gladioli, snapdragons, larkspur, bellies of Ireland, Italian ruscus, Casablanca lilies, hydrangeas, and English Ivy. The sanctuary windows were decorated with crystal hurricane lamps provided by the bride's family. The church was also accented with Easter lilies provided by members of Westside Baptist Church in honor/memory of friends and family.

Serving as maid of honor was Miss Rachel Aldridge of Auburn. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Dana Raughton of Dadeville and Mrs. Stephanie Calhoun of Auburn, sister-in-law of the bride.

Serving as flower girls were Miss Brynna Martin and Miss Kalya Martin, nieces of the groom. The girls wore heirloom and lace batiste dresses made by their mother, Mrs. Amy Martin.

Maternal grandparents are Hayward and Jane Williams of Elba. Paternal grandparents are Billy and Darlene Stinson of Enterprise.

NEW ARRIVAL

ALEXIS GLEEN SKIPPER

Katha Williams and Heath Skipper of Opp announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Gleen Skipper. She was born Aug. 1, 2006, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. She weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Hayward and Jane Williams of Elba. Paternal grandparents are Billy and Darlene Stinson of Enterprise.

Church of Jesus Christ
E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Covenant Community Church
Garry Gray, Pastor
Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities): 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH NEWS



AFTER ASSISTING WITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH this summer, the youth were treated to a two-day outing at a theme park in Georgia. The youth who made the trip included Ashley Sanders, Harry and Lloyd White, Becca and Torie Hodge, and Byron McWaters. Rev. Randall Pearson, pastor of Whitewater, Alvin and Hattie White, and Tanisha Hodge accompanied the youth on this trip.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Ron Stallard - Pastor of Elba Church of God

Trouble at home

Jesus knew His disciples had a problem of want. They wanted to be honored above others. They wanted to be recognized as being in a high position. Some disciple's mother came and asked Jesus if he would let her son, sit on His right hand when He came into his kingdom. To be on the right hand had a meaning of greatness and a show of great honor. He told her she did not know what she was asking. They argued among themselves who would be more honored. They all had the impression they were better than others, and they were envious and vain. We all need to know as Christians our first obligation is to be a servant of Jesus Christ. We should serve with love and humility. We spoil our children and wonder why they have a hard time showing gratitude. We set ourselves above the less fortunate and say with disgust "I am glad we are not like that." We are all servants and we are all important to God. Jesus said He would know that we are one of His by how well we loved one another. Jesus had to show an example of being a servant. On His last day on earth as a mortal man he did something that shook the mindset of His own disciples after they had the last supper.

John 13:4-7 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

(from New International Version)

First He showed them that He loved them. Second He let them know they all needed to humble themselves. Third He let them know no one is better than another. All of God's children are important. John the Baptist told his disciples who were worried that Jesus was baptizing more than he was that He had to decrease so Jesus could increase.

We all need to get this meaning of letting ourselves decrease and let Jesus increase. It will set you free and bring joy to your lives, and keep trouble away from our home.

Coffee Baptist Association - Women on a Mission to sponsor annual Prayer Walk August 19

Coffee Baptist Association for our churchmen, women, and everyone involved in the prayer systems. Walking around the school is optional. You may stand on the grounds and pray.

For more information call 894-6411

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Hubert McWaters
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Samsom, AL.
Pastor: Richard Thom, Sr.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Nathan Carroll
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Cheryl Caldwell
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Tony Dye
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Tom Sosa
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Robert Davis
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Martha Baxter
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
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District Harvest Home Worship Services & business session planned

Presiding Elder Willis N. Huggins has set the Ozark Troy District Harvest Home Worship services and business session for Saturday, August 19, 2006 at Mount Zion AME Church in Louisville, AL. Ministers are asked to meet with the Elder at 8:30 a.m. Ministers' spouses will meet at the same time. The business session will begin at 10:00 a.m., immediately followed by the morning worship services. The message will be brought by the Reverend Diana Flentory, Pastor of St. Mark AME Church in Daleville. Elder Huggins encourages all District members to attend and close out this conference year with the approach the 92nd session of the South Alabama Annual Conference, 9th Episcopal District of the AME Church. The public is invited to attend Pastor Huggins' message at 10:00 a.m. at 445-4040.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to hold Gospel Singing on August 26

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having a Gospel Sing on August 26, 2006 starting at 6:00 PM. Featured Groups will be "The Singing Miracles and The Snellgroves". For more information call 334/894-5021 or 334/347-0569. The church is located on Coffee County Route 114 about one (1) mile past Southland (Wayne Farms).

Harris Temple Church of God to present Youth Evangelism Conference

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will present its 4th annual Youth Evangelism Conference November 16-18, 2006. The locations, speakers, and special guests will be announced at a later date.

Homecoming services planned at New Haven Baptist Church

New Haven Baptist Church will celebrate homecoming Sunday, Aug. 27. Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. followed by Worship Service at 10 a.m. Presentation of God's Word will be given by Pastor Gary Dunn. The barbecue lunch will begin immediately following worship services.

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Church Directory

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor: Mary Seavery
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Jerry Long
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. L. Williams
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. W. K. Ellison
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Ben McKee
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Elbert Smith
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Duane Delmale
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW GLENN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Larry L. Flowers
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Gary Dunn
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Otis and Joyce Johnson- August 15 (Wedding Anniversary), Tito Carpenter- August 15, Rev. Nita Brooks- August 17, Ronnie Hammonds- August 19, Mert Mincey- August 20 (In Memory Of), J. L. Williams- August 20, Chasity Willi

A FIVE POINT TEA sponsored by Buns Mac Chapter #342 will be held at Atlantic Lodge 383, located on County Road 63, Searight, Alabama on Saturday, August 26, 2006 at 4 p.m. The program coordinator will be Sister Mary Coleman and the event speaker will be Sister Camilla Boykin, Grand District Deputy of District Four.

Visitors to Elba: Mrs. Adelaide Blue (formerly of Elba), Chicago, Illinois and her daughter, Patricia Sudduth visited relatives and friends in Elba and Enterprise. They attended worship service for homecoming at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, on Sunday, August 13, 2006. Mrs. Rose Coleman, Elba, Harris Temple Church of God in Christ attended worship service also.

Today is a good day! Be grateful. Eria

Gospel Singing set for August 18 at Opp Church of God

There will be a gospel singing on August 18, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Opp Church of God, located at 803 Virginia Ave., Opp, Alabama. Featured at the singing will be Benny and Marie Rice.

For more information contact Pastor Buford Smith at (334) 469-9200.

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SCHOOLS

Student assembly begins school year

by Justin Williams

The purpose of the student assembly at the beginning of each year is to inform all students of the new rules. Also, every year at the assembly students become better familiar with the student council.

Principal Johnny Dunn addresses students

The assembly, led by the student council, is time for new students to be informed of all the extracurricular activities offered at Elba High. It has also become a time for students to be introduced to all new faculty and staff.

The new faculty includes: Kevin Killingsworth, assistant principal; Shane Casey, assistant principal; Will Pierce, band director; Bryan Peacock, head girl's basketball coach; Rudy Free, head softball coach; Mickey Jacobs, assistant football coach; Chastity Williams, assistant softball, cheerleading and girls basketball coach; Kizzy Lovelace, English teacher; Leigh Ryan, science teacher; Yvette Akridge, math teacher; and Mrs. Pettie, math teacher.

All new faculty and staff, as well as students, are really excited about the new school year and the great things that they are expecting this year.

During first week of school

New dress code receives much attention

by Michael Hall

When most people hear "new dress code" they think, "Great, what can't we wear now?" This year is different. The new dress code concerns not what students wear but how they wear it.

Now, if a student's shorts or pants are below his or her natural waistline, the administrators will tie the pants or shorts up with ties. At 3 p.m., the student can go to the office and have the tie cut off.

A new rule for shirts is also in effect. If a boy's shirttail hangs below his pockets, it must be tucked in. This is to prevent students from bringing in concealed weapons. Girls cannot wear shirts that expose their midriff when their arms are extended over their heads.

At the moment some students do not agree with the policy.

Senior Ryan McCollough said, "I don't like it. To a degree it's okay, but sooner or later it will get out of control."

Agreeing with him, senior Stephanie Sanders said, "Nobody likes it. This new rule will be challenged by most, and many will get in trouble for it." But, some students agree with the change including Junior Tatiana Parker who said, "I think it looks better. It is clean, and it's for our safety. So I think it's okay."

Why not look at it like our new assistant principal Kevin Killingsworth, who said, "It's not going to be a popular choice, but it is being done for safety reasons and for the best interests of our students. It shows that the students have pride in our school. Whether the dress code is liked or not, it will be enforced. This issue will not go away, and the dress code will not disappear."

History teacher Ricky Carlie had this to say, "I think that it's a good thing in many ways. It makes our student body look better groomed, shows pride in our school and makes the stu-

Tiger Tales

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Ashton Rodriguez
& Ciara Burrows



STUDENT COUNCIL WELCOMES FACULTY (by Erica Daniels)...The 2006-2007 Elba High School student council greeted the faculty, staff and students as they came back to school. For its first project, student council officers represented the student body as they welcomed the faculty and administrators back to school. On Wednesday, Aug. 2, Melanie Mularz (president), Ashley Carpenter (vice president) and April Finedore (secretary) showed their appreciation to the faculty and administrators by providing them with breakfast. The sausage and biscuits were made by the Elba Big Little. Juice and soft drinks were also provided. This is one of many ways the student council hopes to keep communication open with the faculty.

2006-07 journalism staff excited to begin year

by Brittany Phillips

This year's 2006-2007 journalism staff consists of 13 members. They are Christina Bryant, Melanie Mularz (Elbala Editors); Sydney Brunson, Lauren McClung and Tierney Sparks (Tiger Tales Editors); Ciara Burrows and Ashton Rodriguez ("Tiger Tales" Editors); Ryan McCollough, Erica Daniels, Yoquesha Terry, Justin Williams (Business Manager), Michael Hall and Brittany Phillips.

This year the staff is looking forward to writing articles for the school paper and The Elba Clipper, getting a new and exciting yearbook started, and other various projects such as the Homecoming Dance, Miss



Elbala Pageant and so many others. Although the staff is looking

forward to a fun year, the members know they have hard work ahead!

Elba Elementary School staff prepares for new year

by Sydney Brunson

It was a short summer for Elba Elementary school faculty, who spent the last few weeks of summer preparing for the upcoming school year.

Bookshelves and computers were dusted off, meetings were held and a feeling of excitement filled the halls. During the week of July 24th, the school held student orientations. Each grade level had a time to come, find

their new classroom, and meet their new teacher.

"It's a great way to eliminate the anxiety felt by many students on the first day," said counselor Lynn Baker.

Also held that week was the Jump Start program for kindergarten students. This three-day program gives the new students time to adjust to their new environment before the "big kids" arrive.

Along with these programs, teachers met with consultants and received training for the new reading program. Many hours of hard work and preparation are needed for a successful school year, however, the EES staff is certainly up to the challenge.



Open House at Elba Elementary School

Monday, Aug. 21st
6 p.m.

For all parents to come and attend to meet the teachers.

Editor's Notes:

by Ashton Rodriguez and Ciara Burrows

Hi, our names are Ashton Rodriguez and Ciara Burrows. We are your "Tiger Tales" editors for the 2006-2007 school year.

We both are looking forward to working with this year's new journalism staff. This year's staff will bring you fun and exciting news of and around EHS and EES.

Each week we will have an issue of "Tiger Tales" in The Elba Clipper. We hope to bring you everything like we have in the past, such as the student spotlights. We also would like to keep you updated on all the upcoming events at Elba City Schools.

If you have any suggestions on what we do, or want to add to what we do, please contact us and let us know. We would love to have your comments about anything we do.

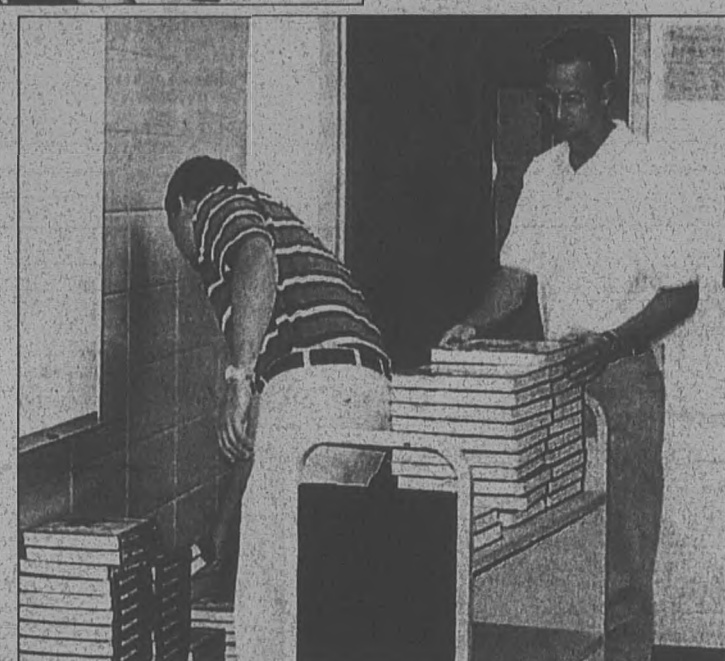
We would like to take this time to say a big thanks to our sponsor, Wanda Bucklew. Without all of her hard work and dedication, the journalism staff would not be where it is today.

Also, we would like to thank those who read us each and every week. Who knows, maybe we will see you in the paper soon!

One sure way to have your name in print, is to write a letter to the editor. Freedom of speech is one of our most treasured civil rights. If you write a letter to the "Tiger Tales" editors and it does not violate school rules, civil rights, or common decency, we will possibly print it in the "Tiger Tales".

Thank you again for your support and keep reading the "Tiger Tales!"

Elba Lady Tigers Volleyball Season begins Thursday, Aug. 24!



TEACHER PREPARATIONS AT ELBA HIGH (by Christina Bryant)...While Elba High students were still enjoying their summer off the week of July 31- August 5, the EHS staff was busy preparing for the new school year. With many new faculty members on board they spent the week attending various workshops, preparing student materials and tidying up the campus. Faculty members were greeted with much appreciation for their efforts as many citizens throughout the community graciously handed out snacks and goodies. On Aug. 7, their hard work seemed to have paid off as students embraced their first day back at Elba High.

Football team prepares for season

by Ryan McCollough

For most students summer means rest and relaxation. However, for the students who chose to play football, the summer was full of power cleans, springs, pass routes and blocking drills.

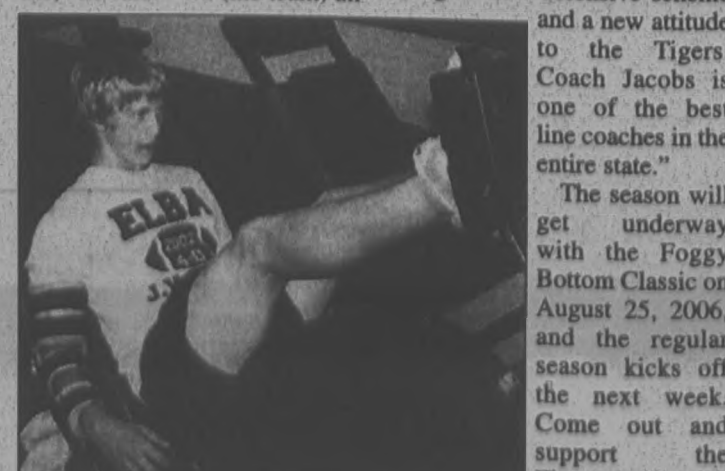
The boys worked hard all summer long to get prepared for their 2006 campaign. In a short interview, Elba Tiger head football coach Scott Rials had many positive comments about the upcoming season.

"The number of students who participated in the summer workout program was outstanding," Rials said. "All sports were represented this summer. We even had a great number of girls participate in this summer's workouts."

When asked about the upcoming season, Rials was optimistic. "This team is real special to me," he said. "We (the team) all

share the same goal. The guys are putting the team ahead of all personal glory. We have two new additions to the coaching staff this year. Rudy Free is our new defensive coordinator, and Mickey Jacobs is our new line coach. Free, an EHS alumni, brings a new defensive scheme and a new attitude to the Tigers. Coach Jacobs is one of the best line coaches in the entire state."

The season will get underway with the Foggy Bottom Classic on August 25, 2006, and the regular season kicks off the next week. Come out and support the Tigers, and make this year a season to remember.



Trey Martin, Junior, shown participating in the summer workout program.

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 - Technology in the classroom
 - Support students and the work of teachers and other education personnel, instead of bureaucrats and "pork" projects

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1. Pass a constitutional amendment confirming that life is a gift from God and should be protected; and that life begins at conception
2. Require public schools to offer Bible Literacy as part of their curriculum
3. Defeat any efforts to redefine marriage or provide the benefit of marriage to a same-sex union

SECURITY

1. Pass the Alabama Border Protection Act requiring immigrants to register for a work permit before working in Alabama and making it a felony for employers to repeatedly hire illegal immigrants
2. Provide funding to train Alabama law enforcement personnel to allow full enforcement of immigration laws including deportation of illegal immigrants
3. Pass tough new laws to help apprehend and punish internet predators of children and fund enforcement of new child protection laws.
4. Pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of or transfer of authority of the Alabama State Docks in Mobile or inland river ports to any foreign entity

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Top ten tips for preparing your finances

As the hurricane season heats up, many people are preparing their homes and businesses for potential damage.

But are they also protecting their finances and important financial records?

Michael Gilreath, a member of the National Society of Accountants located in Gulfport, Mississippi, who last year lost his home and office to Hurricane Katrina, offers this advice:

1. Take all your insurance policies, tax returns, mortgage papers, and other important documents with you when you evacuate. If you stay, be sure that they are water proof.

2. Call your insurance company and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) before you even see the damage and log a claim and obtain a claim number. Also consider that phones may not be working well in a disaster area, so be prepared to be on hold.

3. Back up all your computer data and take your computer hard drive with you in an evacuation if at all possible. Gilreath did not take his last year and it was a nightmare to get a new computer and restore all the data.

4. Be sure you are set up for Internet banking. You can do your banking in another city where you have Internet access. When you return to the disaster area, all the banks will have long waits and limited information.

5. You will need cash, and banks will only allow a limited amount of money to be withdrawn per day, so plan ahead.

6. Make sure you have enough cash or money that is easily accessible to last you for at least 45 days.

7. Remember, everything you do will take at least three to four times longer. It is very frustrating, you will not get mail for days and then only a little at a time.

8. Ask your mortgage company for a moratorium on your note payment. (Every creditor Gilreath asked was happy to work with him on any kind of late charges and late payments, but you have to ask.)

9. Sign up for any assistance that is being offered during your "downtime," but ask for it only if you sustained substantial losses. A great deal of fraud took place after Katrina. Some people who got FEMA checks only lost freezer food and some people who lost everything did not get a cent. Even in a disaster, your integrity should still matter.

10. Consider the consequences of basic services for your community being down for an extended period of time. Even if you can move back into your house, you may not be able to obtain necessary services.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
The Adoption Petition of
Sherrille Rogers
CASE NO. PC-06-035

Notice To: Brandy Michelle Partin
Address: Unknown
Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption in the above entitled matter has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama by Sherrille Rogers, Petitioner, seeking to adopt the minor child, Alexis LaShone Musgrove, and that the 17th day of August, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. has been set for hearing on the same at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of said Probate Court. Done this 21st day of July, 2006.

/s/ Gypsy Morrow Smith
(MOR100)
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BERNICE GRIMES, Deceased
CASE NO.: JC-2006-23

NOTICE OF GRANTING OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 28th day of March, 2006, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, and that said persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Pamela Morrow
/s/ Mark Vaughan
8/10, 17, 24-Chg

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE IN THE PROBATE COURT

CASE NO.: PC-06-047

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LLOYD M. CROOK, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary upon the estate of Lloyd M. Crook, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of August, 2006, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

/s/ Lynda C. New, Personal Representative

8/17, 24, 31-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF VIRGIL COLEMAN, DECEASED
Case No.: PC-06-046

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Jessie M. Coleman, as Executrix of the Estate of Virgil Coleman, deceased, on the 9th day of August, 2006, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jessie M. Coleman
Jessie M. Coleman
Personal Representative of Virgil Coleman, Deceased
8/17, 24, 31 Pd.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Elba City Schools hereby gives notice of intent to apply for federal funding under Titles I, II, and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, EETT (EdTech), Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, and state funding for the Alabama State

FARM & MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Alabama Horse Science Course to be offered statewide by Extension Service in October

Have you ever wished you could go back to school and only learn about horses?

Do you wish you could skip the math, chemistry and English, and just learn how to optimize care and management of your horses and horse business?

The Alabama Horse Council and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System are planning an animal management course Alabama horse enthusiasts.

They have combined their efforts to offer horse owners, horse professionals and horse industry employees a way to increase their knowledge of horse care and management, to explore recent scientific advances in horse care and to

certify their proficiency in horse management.

The program, called the Alabama REIN (Regional Equine Information Network), will be taught via interactive satellite at various sites throughout the state, so most participants will not have to travel far to a lesson site. The 30-hour course will meet in 10 three-hour sessions beginning at 6 p.m. (CT) every Monday and Tuesday evening from Oct. 2 through Nov. 2.

Course content will closely follow what is taught in the senior level horse production course offered through Auburn University's Department of Animal Sciences. Course

instructors are equine veterinarians, equine scientists and equine Extension specialists from Alabama and surrounding states. Topics will include horse nutrition, behavior, health care, reproduction, conformation and selection, genetics, exercise physiology, facilities, equine business management and the national animal identification plan.

Participants will be able to interact with the instructors via Internet and telephone and will receive a training book, cap, completion certificate and Alabama Horse Council membership for 2007 as part of the program.

Program cost is \$100, which works out to slightly more than \$3 per hour of instruction. If interested in signing up to contact the county Extension Office.

September 1st is the final date for producers to request Noninsured Crop Disaster Program assistance

The County Farm Service Agency recently announced that September 1, 2006, is the final date for producers to request Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for their noninsured value loss crops including, but not limited to, ornamental nursery; Christmas trees; aquaculture, including ornamental fish; ginseng root; honey; and turf grass sod.

September 30, 2006, is the final date for request for winter grasses for forage and grazing.

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by natural disasters.

The program provides crop loss protection to growers of many crops for which Federal crop insurance is not available. It covers noninsurable crop losses and prevented plantings caused by disasters.

Eligible producers must pay a service fee of \$100 per crop, per county, not to exceed \$300 per county, or \$900 per producer, for NAP coverage. Producers must apply for coverage and pay the applicable service fee by the application closing dates established by the FSA State Committee. Limited resource producers may request a waiver of service fees.

The coverage period and sales closing dates for NAP crops may vary depending on whether the crop is an annual, perennial, or value loss crop. Therefore, producers should contact the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to determine coverage periods, sales closing dates, and to apply for NAP.

Eligible crops include those produced for food (including livestock feed) or fiber for which catastrophic crop insurance is not available. Also eligible for NAP coverage are controlled-environment crops (mushroom and floriculture), specialty crops (honey and maple sap), and value loss crops (aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, ornamental nursery, and turfgrass sod).

Governor urges Troy University graduates to adapt to changing world

Gov. Bob Riley told Troy University graduates Friday they must be prepared to compete in a global economy to be successful over the next generation.

Speaking to graduates in Sartain Hall on the Troy Campus, Gov. Riley said the world is changing "at a faster speed" and Alabama is not immune to these changes.

"Twelve years ago, no one in this room had used the internet," Gov. Riley said. "Today, we have more information available to us than at any point in the history of the world."

This information revolution means that Alabama's competitors are no longer neighboring Southern states, but India, China and the Pacific Rim nations.

Elba (master's degrees)
Kenya Hammond Martin, Adella LaShawn Russell

Enterprise (bachelor's degrees):
Ralph Benton Wilson IV (Magna Cum Laude), Lena Natalia Dees, Sarah Katherine Whip

Enterprise (master's degrees):
Jerrilyn Denise Harris, Craig Allan Ivey

Kinston (bachelor's degree):
Patrick Scott Nelson (Summa Cum Laude)

Elba (bachelor's degrees):

Bishop Kirkland to be guest speaker at Johns Chapel AME Church Sept. 3rd

Pastor Tony C. Scott has set All Ministries Day Services for 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 3, during the morning worship celebration at Johns Chapel AME Church, 841 Geneva Highway in Enterprise.

The message will be brought by Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Presiding Bishop of the Ninth Episcopal District. Bishop Kirkland, an internationally

renowned preacher of the gospel and accomplished vocalist, is leader of the African Methodist Episcopal Churches in the state of Alabama. While Kirkland was pastor at Brookins AME Church in Los Angeles, California, the membership grew from approximately 40 to over 8,000 just prior to his elevation to the office of Bishop in 1996. His wife, Mrs. Mary L.

Kirkland, serves as Supervisor of the Women's Missionary Society of the AME Churches in the State of Alabama.

Immediately following the services on September 3, members and guests are invited to share in a fellowship feast in the church's dining hall. For more information, call the church at 393-2661.

What are mini-terms for?

For over a decade, Enterprise-Ozark Community College has offered two mini-term sessions during the regular semester time-frame. Most of the students who use this option, like it.

Classes condensed into half of a semester, roughly 7 1/2 weeks, means students have to learn more faster. This can be challenging at times, but if the courses are needed in a hurry for job or certification requirements, they can be quite popular.

Some students wish to complete a series of courses such as English Composition I and II or Western Civilizations I and II, or just get some courses out of

the way quickly in order to transfer to a four-year institution quicker.

And then some students may wish to take some courses during half of a semester in order to accommodate personal schedules.

While there are no rules for why there are rules for when. Students may opt to take mini-term classes in the day or at night on the Enterprise Campus or during the evenings only at

the Ozark Aviation Campus or the Fort Rucker Site.

The first mini-term for fall semester will begin on August 21. Regular registration is open through August 17. Late registration continues through August 22 with a late fee. For more information about the first mini-term, how to be admitted to the College, or how to

SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School is back in session and at the Mularz house that means Dad either gets to sleep a few extra minutes or has to get up early to get a hot shower. Last week Melanie had some problems with her new schedule and I was the first one in the shower, but I have a feeling she will get up early this week and my shower will be short, and not quite so hot.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** High school football teams strapped on the pads last week and preseason practice is now at full speed as the teams get ready for their season openers. Many teams will hit the field a week early for a preseason contest, while others will wait and open the season the following week. Here's a quick look around the area camps as the season draws near....

* **Elba Tigers** - The Tigers are a little down on numbers, but Coach Scott Rials reports the team is a close knit group that is willing to work hard and loves the game. Rials told me last week it may be the youngest team he has ever coached, and added that several freshmen are going to have to help if the Tigers are going to have a winning season. While this year's team may not be the most talented to wear the black and gold, their "oneness" may be the difference between a winning season and one filled with losses.

* **Zion Chapel Rebels** - The Rebels have been hard at work all summer and the players, coaches and fans up at Jack are convinced this will be the year Zion Chapel makes lots of noise in the 1A ranks. The Rebels lost some athletes that played a huge role in their success a year ago. However, the team is filled with players that have done nothing but win in the youth leagues and in junior high, and that winning attitude should be a big plus when the going gets tough.

* **Kinston Bulldogs** - The Bulldogs have enjoyed some success on the gridiron in recent years, but have missed the playoffs the past two seasons and have been hard at work to change that streak. Kinston has now had the same head coach for a few years and knows what he expects. So, this could very well be the year the folks down in Kinston will get the chance to get excited about something other than girls sports.

* **New Brockton Gamecocks** - The Gamecocks have been a winning 2A program for many years and that should continue this season under the guidance of a new head coach and staff of assistants. New Brockton lost some running backs and a couple of linemen from a year ago, but still have a solid backfield and a line that loves to hear the pads pop. The new attitude will also provide a new spirit for the Gamecocks, and unless something unexpected happens, look for the Gamecocks to keep on winning.

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*** College football is also just around the corner and both Alabama and Auburn fans are already talking big about how good their teams are going to be. The Tide fans are looking for another solid season, even though they know 10 wins may be hard to find, while the Tiger fans will think a 10-win season will be a disappointment. Both teams have their share of easy wins and big conference games on the schedule, and no matter what any of the fans say the games are won on the field and not the office.

*** Major League Baseball is winding down and the Atlanta Braves are still hanging around in fourth place hoping to somehow get hot and sneak into the playoffs. As of last weekend the Braves still had nine teams ahead of them in the wild card race. So, it is going to take some kind of late-season surge for Atlanta to even have a winning record, much less make the playoffs.

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For area prep teams

Opening week of football season features several hotly contested games across area

The opening week of the high school football season is now only two weeks away and for the teams in the area the kickoff of the 2006 season brings with it a series of challenging contests. Following is a peek at the area games scheduled for Friday night, Sept. 1:

ELBA TIGERS AT BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

The Elba Tigers of Coach Scott Rials will open the season on the road when they make the short trip to Brantley to battle the top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs. The Tigers hosted the Bulldogs a year ago and snapped their 25-game regular season winning streak by posting an 18-16 upset. However, while Elba was hit hard by graduation and lost its entire crop of backs and receivers, Brantley will return perhaps its best team in years and the Bulldogs and their fans are already making plans for a return trip to Birmingham for the Super Six. The Bulldogs of Coach David Lowery no doubt have this game circled on their calendars, and if the Tigers have any hopes of repeating last year's success, they will have to play their best on opening night. While Brantley appears to have more talent than the Tigers and will be a big favorite, these two teams have a tradition of playing close games, and this year may be no different.

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The members of the Elba youth football cheerleader squad are holding a fund raiser to help cover the costs of purchasing new cheerleader uniforms. For more information, or to make a donation, contact the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833.

The Elba-Troy University Club recently held its second annual Ram King Memorial Golf Tournament at the Elba Country Club. Nearly 40 golfers took to the course for this worthy cause with the team of Mike Paramore and friends taking top honors with a score of 14 under. The golfers and spectators alike enjoyed the event which is the main fund raiser for the club. All proceeds from this event will be used to fund scholarships for local students. The club has hosted the tournament for the past eight years, but it officially became known as the Ram King Memorial Tournament in 2005 in honor of the late Ram King, a member of the club since its inception and a devoted Troy supporter. Tournament organizer and former club president Lee "Bubba" Pinkard credits much of the success of this year's tournament to the merchants of Elba and the surrounding area. "The hole sponsors account for the bulk of the money raised without them we would not be able to provide the kind of scholarships we currently do," said Pinkard.

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at Headland. (Thursday) Pleasant Home at Samson; Providence Christian at Isabella; McKenzie at J.U. Blacksher; Barbour County at Abbeville; (Thursday) Slocumb at Cottonwood. (Thursday) Georgiana at Greenville; Goshen at Bullock County; Calhoun at Highland Home; (Thursday) Rehobeth at Houston Academy; Ashford at Houston County; (Thursday) Dale County at G.W. Long; Opp at Luverne; (Thursday) Straughn at Red Level; Geneva at Hillcrest; Andalusia at Pike County; Daleville at W.S. Neal; T.R. Miller at Clarke County; Opp at Luverne; Enterprise at Carroll; Wilcox Central at Charles Henderson; Eufrata at Central; Phenix City; Opelika at Carver; Jeff Davis at Dothan; (Thursday) R.E. Lee at Northview.

KINSTON BULLDOGS AT GENEVA COUNTY BULLDOGS
The Kinston Bulldogs of Coach Larry Cotney will hit the road in opening week action and move up in class when they travel to Hartford to battle the Geneva County Bulldogs. Kinston struggled a bit last season and failed to post a winning season. However, the Bulldogs have been hard at work during the summer and are determined to bounce back, add to their win total and make the playoffs. Geneva County, under the direction of Toby Greene, stumbled a year ago and posted only two wins as they watched their opponents run up and down the field and scored over 36 points a game. Much of the Bulldogs woes centered around injuries; however, and this season they are convinced all the bad luck is in the past and this will be the season the 'Dogs bite is as bad as their bark. While this game appears to be a toss-up, it will feature two teams hungry for a win and might just be one that both sets of fans will remember.

Other opening week area games include: Wicksburg at Ariton; Florida



ELBA YOUTH PLAYERS ATTEND ALABAMA CAMP.... Six young Elba football players attended the University of Alabama Football Camp in Tuscaloosa earlier this summer. Over 300 campers from all over the Southeastern United States attended the two day camp. In addition to learning ways of improving their football skills, they toured the Bear Bryant Museum, had the opportunity to meet Coach Mike Shula and his staff and have their pictures made with him. The players had a great time and are already planning their trip for next year. The players are shown leaning on the infamous "Tower" used by Coach Bryant to watch over practices from. Shown L-R: Austin Johnson, Matthew Marler, Jordan McDaniel, Chance Johnson, Sage Kelley, and Jon-Ashley Amison.

Smith and Salter take home trophies and cash for feature wins at South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chisum

Sam Smith and Chris Salter, Jr. took home the winner's trophy.

phies and a little extra cash for their efforts Saturday night at South Alabama Speedway. Smith won the 35-lap Street

Stock Feature, while Salter took home the trophy in the Coyote Feature. Smith led all 35 laps to win the Street Stock Feature. Easily pulling away from the field and with no cautions to close the field, Smith won by a half lap over Billy Ammons. After the race, Smith had to prove himself again, facing a protest on his engine. After a lengthy tear-down, Smith's engine passed on items and he was officially declared the winner.

In the 25-lap Coyote Feature, Lee Phillips grabbed the early lead over Max Nelson. Salter, starting seventh, moved through the field quickly, moving into second by lap ten. On lap 16, Salter moved past Phillips to take the lead. Once out front, Salter had to survive through three restarts before claiming victory.

Kevin Peel picked up another Modified win. Starting in the rear, Peel quickly moved through the field and got past Brett Hanson on lap eight and went on to win.

Salter picked up another win in the Roadrunner Feature. Leading all 25 laps, Salter beat Keith Calhoun, Billy Macie, and John Singletary to take the win.

Mike Wolfe took the lead on lap 16 and went on to win the Mini Sportsman Feature. Cameron Henderson lead the first 12 laps before Herndon Buie took over on a lap 13 restart. The caution flew again three laps later and after the restart, Wolfe was able to make the winning pass. Buie followed Wolfe the rest of the race to finish second.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamaspwdray.com/

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Charles Cole is inducted into Hall of Fame at Alabama State University

By Ricky Adams, E.O.C.C.

For a man born, raised and currently living in New Brockton, Charles Cole has come a long way in his 69 years.

He's been a high school and college athlete, junior high and high school coach, assistant principal and principal. Currently, he's the coach of the Enterprise-Ozark Community College Lady Boll Weevils' basketball team and he's the mayor of New Brockton.

Cole's list of honors is lengthy but the most recent one is the most special of them all.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, Cole was one of 10 members of the Alabama State's 6th annual "I Support the Athletics Program at Alabama State University" Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

"When I was inducted into the Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame, that was special," Cole said. "He said, 'I was out of shape and couldn't play. I kept telling him I was in shape. I went by his house Saturday morning, the game was Saturday night, he was working in his yard and he still said I couldn't play but he did agree to let me dress out.'"

"That decision led to the highest and lowest points of Cole's collegiate career in Montgomery. "The team was really stinking up the place that game," Cole recalled. "I'd had a very good junior year, so the fans remembered me. Late in the game they started hollering my name, over and over."

"Finally, my coach called me. I jumped up and went into the game ready to really show out. I got a standing ovation that lasted 3-5 minutes; that was the highest point of my career, an unforgettable moment."

"We were playing Clarke College and were at the free throw line where I was standing between the two Epes' brothers, the smaller one weighed 250 pounds. We all went up and scrambled around for the rebound and I got it, but the 250-pounder fell on me and hurt my ankle."

"Coach came running out, looked at me, and said, 'I told you you weren't in shape. Somebody get him off the court!'"

Cole stayed hurt the rest of the game.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist
Try these tips to put more crappie in the boat

The words spring and crappie are synonymous to a dedicated crappie fisherman. They are busy replenishing tackle depleted from last crappie season. New jigs, floats and line for the reels are a must.

Crappie are one of Alabama's favorite panfish. They put up a respectable fight on ultra light tackle, can be found in large numbers, and are the main ingredient for many a family fish fry.

Crappie are where you find them, but these time tested tips may help you fill the cooler a bit faster.

(1) Fish the shallows, especially in early spring. This is the season when crappie feed aggressively and are easy to find. The fish move to the shallows to spawn, so anglers will have the most success fishing near the shore.

(2) Use fish finders in spring and summer. Later in the season as the water warms crappie move to deeper waters where they congregate around bottom structure. Use a fish finder to locate submerged standing timber, especially trees with many branches.

(3) Fish jigs under boat docks. Brush and trees piled under docks create great habitat that may not be detectable with standard fish finders.

(4) Fish jigs slowly. Crappie feed on insects and small fish that don't move fast, so they don't strike fast moving jigs that often. Bounce jigs slowly and run the boat slowly as well.

(5) Vary jig colors. After taking 10 to 15 crappie from a spot, the fish may stop biting. This does not necessarily mean the school has moved. Try using a jig of a different color and reactivate the school. This tactic can put them back in a feeding frenzy.

(6) Sprinkle scales on the water. Another way to reactivate a school that has stopped feeding is to scale a crappie that you have already caught and sprinkle the scales on the water. Wait 30-40 seconds, and then drop a jig again. The scales flutter and create the appearance of baitfish, which stimulates the crappie to start feeding again.

(7) Use a boat designed for crappie fishing. Fishing is always easier and more productive in a boat that is well suited to an angler's needs. For crappie fishing, boats like the Alumacraft Crappie Pro is a good example of where boat designers understand the needs of the crappie fisherman.

Crappie fishing equipment can be as fancy or as simple as your taste dictates. One can fish several rods fanned out in a "spider rig" or you can simply grab a cane pole and a bucket of minnows-the level of fun is about the same.

his senior year, graduated in 1955, having averaged 13 points and 13 rebounds per game his final two seasons.

"One of my greatest memories is making 38 consecutive free throws in three consecutive games," he said. "In my sophomore year, we won the SIAC title. I led the league in free-throw percentage my junior year. While at ASU, I also participated in track and field events, including the discus throw."

After college graduation, Cole began a career in education and coaching that's now in its sixth decade.

"After graduation from ASU I was employed at Warren Smith High School in New Brockton as a teacher and coach," Cole said. "I coached basketball, baseball, softball, track, and was 4-H advisor and chairman of the social studies department."

"From Warren Smith, I moved to New Hope Junior High School as a teacher, coach and assistant principal. New Hope teams won five consecutive conference basketball championships during my tenure."

"I moved from there to New Brockton High School as assistant principal and head basketball coach from 1978-1981. In 1981, the team won the 2A state championship."

"From 1979-1998, I served as principal of the New Brockton Elementary School and retired in 1998 after serving 36 years in education. While principal of the elementary school, I instituted a basketball program for grades 1-6 where boys and girls could participate based upon academics and discipline."

In his spare time during that era, Cole also assisted with the girls' basketball team at New Brockton High School, and entered politics."

"I have served in the New Brockton City Government for 22 years," he said. "I was elected mayor in 2000 and again in 2004. Even though I'm retired from full-time coaching, I still participate at every opportunity in the sport of basketball."

"In 2003-04 and 2004-05, I accepted the coaching position for the girls' basketball team at Daleville High School, and last year, I was hired to coach the Lady Boll Weevils at Enterprise-Ozark Community College."

"In sports, basketball is my first love and I have instilled it in my children. Both of them, Kellen and Kendra, were on high school teams in New Brockton and both made the 1,000 Point Club."

Kellen attended Faulkner University on a basketball scholarship and was a member of their National Championship Basketball Team in 2001. He is now a student in computer engineering at Auburn University. Kendra is attending Auburn pursuing an engineering degree in wireless communication.

"I have been married to the former Barbara Bell for 28 years. Barbara was the girls' basketball coach at New Brockton High School for 10 years."

During his career Charles Cole has been Conference Coach of the Year, 1973-75, SEAC Coach of the Year, All-Star Basketball Coach, recipient of the State Championship Coaches' Award, recipient of the 20-year Award of Merit, and 1A-2A Alabama Coach of the Year in 1981; he was inducted into the Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

Cole who grew up and began his career in education during the final era before school desegregation, sees one major difference between athletes in his era and those in the era he now coaches.

"We were more appreciative of the opportunity to go to school, to get to play college ball," he concluded. "So many modern athletes think they are owed something. They seem to think they're doing us a favor by taking a scholarship. I keep telling them it's us doing them a favor. They just don't realize what they have."



Young girls of all ages were found all across the field last weekend at Miller Memorial Stadium as the cheerleaders for the Elba Youth Football League held a preseason camp. The cheerleaders are divided into three squads for the upcoming season.



Cheerleaders of all ages, shapes and sizes took part Saturday at the cheerleader camp sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation.



Camp instructors made the day fun for all the girls, as well as educational.



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Coffee County Tour

Representative Terry Spicer will be touring Coffee County on Thursday, August 17th

7:30 A.M. - ENTERPRISE
BREAKFAST BUFFET AT COUNTRY RESTAURANT

9:30 A.M. - Mt. Pleasant
BUCKLE UP AND MEET REPUBLICAN AT THE SENIOR CENTER

11:00 A.M. - NEW BROCKTON
LIGHT LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER

12:30 P.M. - KINSTON
LUNCH AT GRANNY PRIDE'S RESTAURANT

2:00 P.M. - Pine Level
WATERMELON AT THE SENIOR CENTER

4:45 P.M. - ZION CHAPEL
DISKING, ICE CREAM AND PIZZA AT THE REBEL STATION

6:45 P.M. - VICTORIA
CHIP AND DIP AT CROWN'S RESTAURANT

7:00 P.M. - Elba
FIREWORKS (WILL DO BBQ AT THE OLDE SOUTH INN)

PIZZA AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

RE-ELECT TERRY SPICER
THE REPRESENTATIVE

Coffee County citizens are urged to come out Thursday, the 18th and meet Representative Spicer as he kicks off his campaign for re-election.

The Spicer Campaign is providing ALL the food, singing and other activities during these events!

The great day will end with a BBQ dinner and children's activities at the Olde South Inn, in Elba.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba High School's Class of 1951 holds reunion

On July 28 and 29, the Elba High School Class of 1951 held its 55th class reunion.

Walter and Janice Smith were the hostesses and held it at the Smith Family Farm Red Barn. The tables were appropriately decorated in country motif.

Friday evening started out with an old fashioned "Riverside Cafe supper." A "thinking of you" card was signed by everyone to send to Brian Turman who is seriously ill and couldn't attend.

On Saturday, members began arriving early to get in on the fellowship and sharing of stories and pictures, some old and some new.

For lunch, the Smiths dished up a superb "Mrs Paul's Cafe lunch," including drinks and dessert. In the afternoon, members grouped themselves at tables for games of dominoes, train, hand and foot, sequence, and other card games and activities.

Mid-afternoon, it was time to open those ice cream freezers and indulge in the coolness of their contents.

Saturday night dinner was another wonderful treat from "Parrish's BBQ Pit." During this time, the new Elba playground project was discussed, and members made a contribution to its fund.

Those attending during the weekend were Dub & Helen (Goodson) Baggett, James & Helen (King) Kemp, Reno & Sara (Farris) Pietrantonio, Wayne & Dorothy (Gallimore) Ennis, Dorsey Lee & Sara (Dye) Rhodes, Wyeth & Gloria (Whately) Bragg, Billy & Betty Flowers, Hugh & JoAnne Parker, Walter & Janice Smith, Bob & Syble (King) Hahn, Percy & Ann Dyess, Albert & Chris Lee, Douglas & Earlene



Ladies shown enjoying the reunion activities include: (seated left to right) Sara (Farris) Pietrantonio, Helen (King) Kemp, Janice (McCollough) Smith - hostess, and Earlene (Ammons) Green; (standing) Syble (King) Hahn and Betty (Rushing) Rogers.

(Ammons) Green, Betty (Kelly) Davis, Laura (Walker) Smart and Eugene (Rushing) Rogers, Rebecca (Dewberry) Kelly, Roxie Devane.

Seth McCollough participates in Ruben Studdard Music Camp

Seth McCollough was selected to participate in the first annual Ruben Studdard Music Camp held recently at Wallace Community College in Dothan.

More than 250 students auditioned with only 60 vocalists and 40 instrumentalists selected to participate and perform with American Idol Ruben Studdard.

The week long camp held July 24-August 1, was designed to promote the growth and development of amateur musicians to experience the highest level of musicianship.

Participants received hands-on technical training in critical areas such as song writing, music theory, voice and on-stage performance, along with



Seth McCollough(left) with Ruben Studdard

guidance from experienced mentors. In addition, there were special appearances by music producers and song writers who shared their music career.

A surprise visit was made by Ruben Studdard during the camp in which he answered questions from the students and gave an impromptu concert.

The Grand Finale Concert was held on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at

the Dothan Civic Center.

Seth is a ninth grader at Dauphin Junior High in Enterprise and is a member of the award winning

"Expressions" show choir.

Seth is the son of Stephen and Debbie McCollough of Victoria. He is the grandson of B. P. and Grace McCollough, and the late Jackie Parker and the late Mozelle Parker.

Bowen opens medical office in Opp

Although he lived in Maryland for the past 29 years, his accent still gives away his Southern roots. Now Dr. Robert B. Bowen

returns to the deep South to open a medical office in Opp.

Bowen, a Georgia native, brings his training and skills in obstetrics and gynecology to patients in and around Covington County

through his association with Mizell Memorial Hospital.

"We are so pleased to have a physician of Dr. Bowen's level of expertise on our active medical staff," said Dr. Wheeler A. Gunnels, medical director.

Bowen's educational training includes an undergraduate degree from Emory University in Atlanta, and a medical degree from Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. He completed an internship and residency at Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Virginia, and operated a private practice

in Maryland since 1977. Certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Bowen is excited about bringing his skills to Covington County.

"My wife and I wanted to return to the South, and Opp very much reminds me of the area where my first clinic was located. It's a natural fit for us," said

Bowen. Joining South Alabama Women's Center, Bowen is working with Dr. Ray King during a transitional phase as King pursues a teaching position in Florida.

"I'm following a strong interest in teaching," said King. "Dr. Bowen and I are working together on call schedules, and I will continue seeing gynecological patients and performing surgeries at Mizell for at least another year."

Bowen and wife Gail have three grown children and are excited about their move to south Alabama.

"We anticipate being very happy here and I am looking forward to making a difference in obstetrics for the area. Through my career, I delivered more than 6,000 babies."

Dr. Bowen's office is located in the Mizell Memorial Hospital medical office complex at 101 E. Paulk Ave., Suite B. For more information, call 493-0427.

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RESOLUTION HONORS THE LATE JACK R. BRUNSON

Ozark Mayor Bob Brunson is shown presenting Edna Brunson with a resolution passed by the Board of Directors of The Friends of Ft. Rucker honoring the contributions of Mrs. Brunson's late husband, Jack R. Brunson, to their organization and the Association of the United States Army. Mayor Brunson said Mr. Brunson was "always there" when called upon to assist the Friends of Ft. Rucker. Mayor Brunson added that he considered Brunson to be a "great patriot" who was always supportive of Ft. Rucker. "There are not very many men like him left," said Mayor Brunson. Mr. Brunson, longtime president of The National Security Group in Elba, served on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Ft. Rucker from its inception in 1994 until his death in March of this year.

Elba Elementary School Menu

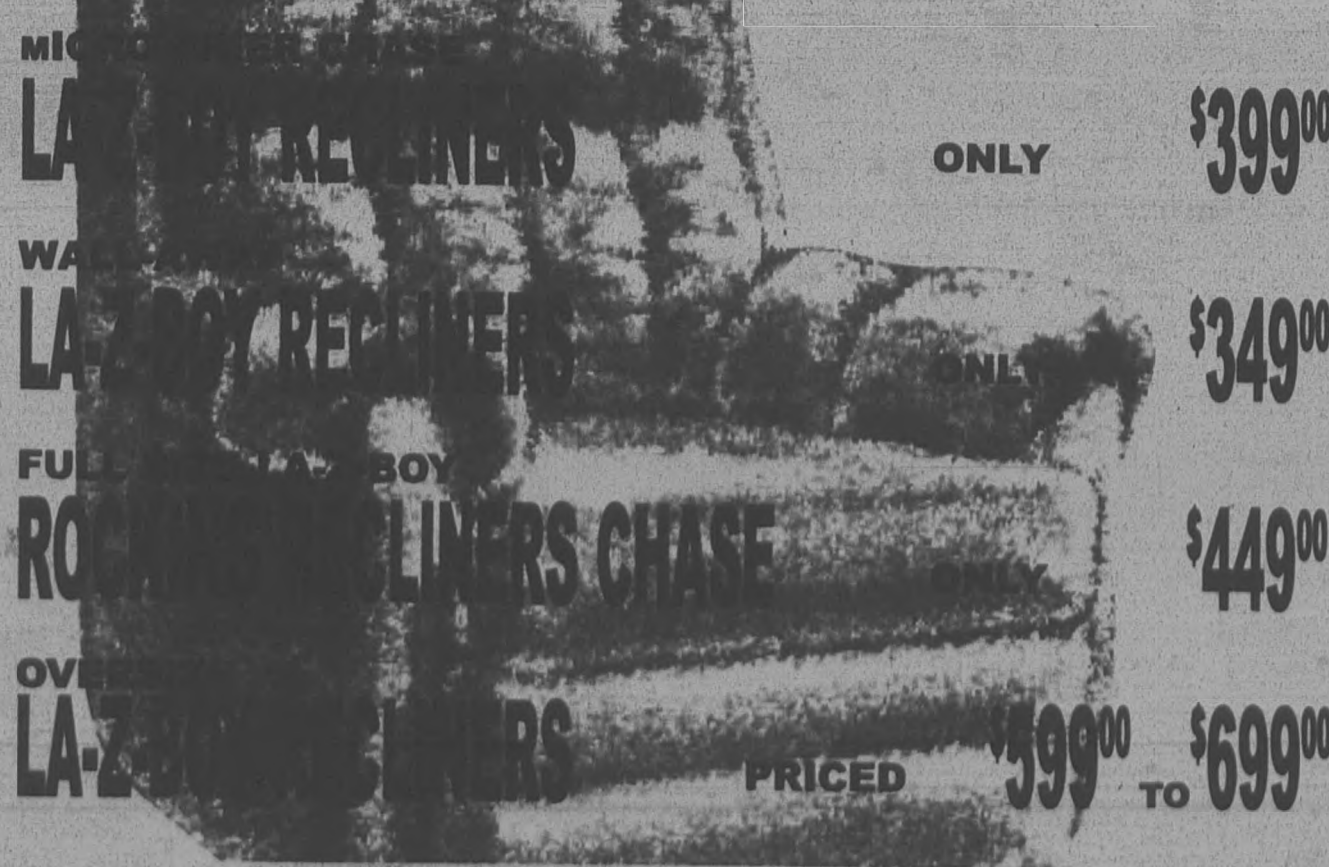
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BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Sloppy Joe, New Potatoes, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Str-Fry, Rice, Tortilla, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Applesauce, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Chili w/Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hoagie, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk

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For participating in Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative

Bullock Volunteer Fire Department receives \$3,000

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Bullock Community Volunteer Fire Department displayed a commitment and love for their community recently as they participated in the Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative, sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health.

The fire department, officially located in Crenshaw County, received a state grant in November 2005 to increase home fire safety awareness in its fire service area (which includes a portion of Coffee County in the northwest corner) through the Smoke Alarm Initiative. In accordance with the grant, members of the fire department went door-to-door to provide home fire safety education and to install free smoke alarms to residents serviced by the department.

During a ceremony held Monday evening, Aug. 21, at the fire department, Amanda (Calhoun) Martin, a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health and program coordinator, told the fire department members they had a lot to be proud of through this effort.

Martin said the department beat the deadline for completion which in turn meant an extra \$500 award.

She said the department actually had until the end of September to complete the grant requirements, but the Bullock Fire Dept. completed it's project prior to June 30th to receive the extra funds.

"You did a great job," Martin said. "The Bullock Fire Department is one of 15 fire departments in the state to do this (smoke alarm initiative). That's tremendous."

Of the 11 departments in Crenshaw County, she said the Bullock Dept. was one of only

two to ask to participate in the program. The initiative including three counties this year across the state including Crenshaw, Washington and Coosa.

The department held a kickoff for the program in March of this year prior to beginning their door-to-door visits. From that point, Martin said the members of the department visited a total of 306 homes and 173 of those homes received smoke alarms.

With some homes receiving more than one alarm, Martin said the members of the department actually installed 252 new smoke alarms. She also said about 80 percent of the homes visited did have smoke alarms present but not all were in working order.

"We've been fortunate in the areas we've been in to work with departments that care about the people in their community," Martin said. "So far we've been successful in reaching our target

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Elba's Brianna Bailey named Coffee County Junior Miss

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Seven participants from across the county vied Saturday, Aug. 12, to become the 2006-07 Coffee County Junior Miss, and at the end of the evening, Elba High School senior Brianna Lynn Bailey took home the title.

This marked the second year in a row for an Elba High School student to be named Coffee County Junior Miss. Casey Medlock, a 2006 graduate of Elba High School, turned over the title of Coffee County Junior Miss to Bailey at the end of the program.

The program also proved successful for another Elba student as Lauren Alexis McClung was named second alternate. Other program participants included: Karena Brown (first alternate), Melinda Gooch, Erica Danielle Lewis and Megan Lynn Parks. Participants competed in interview, talent, self-expression, scholastic and fitness with the winner of each category receiving scholarship money.

In being named the 2007 Coffee County Junior Miss, Bailey received the largest cash scholarship of the evening, a \$2,000 cash tuition scholarship, as well as, a \$150 gift certificate from Admiring Glances.

Talent was worth 25 percent of each participant's overall score, and the young ladies showcased an array of performances. There was singing, dancing and instrumental performances for the audience to enjoy.

Bailey was named the talent winner. She sang "Mama I'm a Big Girl Now" from the Broadway musical, "Hairspray." She also was named the self-

expression winner and received \$250 in scholarship money for both the talent and self-expression awards.

Bailey also was awarded \$450, sponsored by Enterprise Ozark Community College, in scholarship money for the scholastic award.

First alternate Karena Brown received cash scholarships for the interview award and being named the Spirit of Junior Miss (an award voted on by the participants). She received a total

of \$1,150 in cash tuition scholarship money.

McClung received \$400 in cash-tuition scholarship money for being named second alternate in the program.

Bailey now will begin her preparations to participate in the Alabama Junior Miss Program to be held in January in Montgomery. The state competition will celebrate it's 50th anniversary in 2007.

Brianna Bailey is the daughter of Greg and Vickie Bailey.

Area Happenings

THE ANNUAL FOGGY BOTTOM CLASSIC will be held Friday, Aug. 25, at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba. The gridiron contest will feature the Elba Tigers vs. the Geneva County Bulldogs beginning at 7 p.m.

THE 2ND ANNUAL "JACK DAY FESTIVAL" will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at Ozark Memorial Stadium on the campus of Zion Chapel High School from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

FANS OF THE ELBA MARCHING TIGER BAND can support the Elba band program by becoming a member of the "Marching Tiger Black & Gold Club." With a club membership, the supporter will be given a membership card entitling him/her to a "free seat" at every regular season home game. In addition, the supporter's name will be listed in the football program as a "Marching Tiger Black & Gold Club" member. To join, see Pam Baker at Elba High School, or contact Vickie Bailey at 897-3320.

2007 Coffee County Junior Miss Brianna Bailey (right) with 2006 Coffee County Junior Miss Casey Medlock (left), both of Elba.



MEMBERS OF THE BULLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT were all smiles Monday evening, Aug. 21, when they were presented with a \$3,000 check for participating in and completing their requirements in the Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative, a program sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Amanda Martin (second from left), a representative of the Alabama Dept. of Public Health, is shown presenting the check to Fire Chief Louise Martin (second from right). Also shown are Scott Pilgreen (left), assistant state fire marshal, and Beverly Leverett (right), secretary/treasurer of the Bullock Community Volunteer Fire Department.

Elba City Schools meet AYP goals for 2006-07

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba City Schools superintendent Danny Weeks reported recently that the Elba City Schools, both elementary and high schools, made the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) goals for 2006-07.

The figures are based on data from the school year 2005-06. Both schools, Elba Elementary and Elba High, met 17 out of 17 goals or 100 percent.

"We're excited both schools made 100 percent and passed

AYP," Weeks said. "Credit should be given to our faculty for all the hard work they do in helping us meet and surpass these goals. We've experienced a tremendous amount of progress academically."

Beyond his excitement regarding the AYP results, Weeks said the school system had one of the smoothest openings for a new year that he has ever experienced.

"We're off to a great start with the new year," he said. "Lots of improvements were made dur-

ing the summer." One thing Weeks said has gotten a lot of attention since the beginning of the new school year is the new dress code policy. He said the dress code is something the school board has been concerned with for some time and has spent a lot of time working on to best suit everyone.

Weeks said it has become a statewide issue regarding what

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DOMINO TOURNAMENT FOR SENIORS...Several local senior citizens spent the majority of their day last Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Pine Level Senior Citizens Center participating in a domino tournament. Center director Mary Donaldson said the seniors play dominoes quite frequently at the center during the week, and the tournament is held once a year. While the game required their concentration, the seniors did not let it keep them from telling stories and enjoying one another's company. Donaldson said the event is just one example of the many activities made available to seniors at the centers.

To Serve and Protect: Meet the Elba Police

In a career spanning more than three decades, Officer Charles H. Driggers Jr. continues to serve and protect working as a patrolman with the Elba Police Department.

Officer Driggers has a total of 34 years in law enforcement and has been employed in Elba for six years. During his career, he also has served 18 years with the New Brockton Police Department and 10 years with the Enterprise Police Department.

Officer Driggers said his most memorable experience as a police officer was graduating from the police academy in 1971, especially considering he chose law enforcement as a career to, "follow in my father's footsteps."

Besides being a graduate of the Alabama State Police Academy, Officer Driggers has attended numerous other schools during his career.

In his spare time, Officer Driggers said he enjoys fishing



Officer Charles H. Driggers Jr.

and spending time with his family. He is married to Rhonda Driggers and is the father of two sons, Charlie

Driggers and Chris Lamb, and one daughter, Casie Lamb. He also is the son of Mary Driggers.